Two Defending Mat Champs In Auburn High Tournament

Only two of the 1962 Auburn Invitational Wrestling Tournament champions will return for a try at another championship as the 1963 tournament gets under way on Friday at Auburn Community College.

Larry Plunkett, Rome's fine sectional champion at 105 pounds in 1962, will be striving for his third Auburn title, having won at 95 pounds in 1961.

This year he will be competing in the 120 lb. class and his record on the mat establishes him as the favorite in that division. In regular season competition Larry has won 16 consecutive matches.

Dave Ruetsch of Auburn is defending champion in the 180 pound class and must also be established as a favorite to retain his crown although he can expect stiff competition from Geneva's Wayne Klue, Dave Loveless of Baldwinsville and posibly Pat Cummings of Mynderse Academy.

Dave lost his first match of the year at Canandaigua but has since won twice and appears ready for a strong tournament bid. The rugged 180 pounder is an aggressive wrestler whose mat tactics provide an interesting match at all times.

The number of open fights for championship honors indicates that the 1963 Auburn Invitational should be one of the finest local tournaments yet conducted AHS athletic director Kurt Beyer said.

As in the past tourneys, two mats will be used during all competition up to the 8 p.m. finals so that plenty of action is visable at all times.

Quarter-finals begin at 11 a.m. among the 96 wrestlers reporting for participation. Semi-finals will be gin at 3 p.m. Boys eliminated will be matched against each other in consolation competition but no wrestler will be permitted to compete more than three times during the strenuous day of competition. More than 100 matches will be staged.

One admission ticket permits the holder to attend all matches during the day as well as the final matches at night. A record crowd is expected to be on hand as interest in the Auburn tournament grows each year, Mr. Beyer stated.

Pete DeBottis, veteran Seneca Falls wrestling official, will be joined by George Flood, of Rome, and Al Emmi of Auburn in officiating the championship matches. Announcer will be Jim Cranfield, former Auburn High and Cortland State wrestler, now a member of the Auburn faculty. Barney Higgins, another ex-Maroon grappler, will officiate in the consolation bouts.

Electric timers will be provided at each mat and will be handled by the official scorers from Oneida and Rome, Cheryl Burgdurff, Cortland State physical education major, will be chief scorer and will be assisted by Betsy Randall and Betsy Beyer.

The Auburn squad will furnish scoreboard operators and runners so that those in attendance will be constantly informed as to match results. Official scorers will also keep the wall charts up to date for all desiring to keep a close check on particular weight class competitions.

Dr. Bernard Cullen, school and team physician, will be on hand. Meals and snack bar service will be provided by Bob Hunter's staff at the college cafeteria. Weighing in will begin at 10 a.m. and will be concluded at 11 a.m. when quarter-final matches start, Mr. Beyer announced.

Fraley Names 'Koo' Koufax As Athlete of Past Year

By OSCAR FRALEY

MIAMI (UPI)—I got to make "Koo" the athlete of the year.

Name anybody you like. But I have to take the guy who came from all the way back to the head of the pack and did it the hard way.

Nobody else rates at all except Sandy Koufax, the handsome, left-handed southpaw of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Sure, there are a lot of them: I'll take Jimmy Brown over Y.A. Tittle in the bashing business of pro football. Nobody, for my kopeks, came close to Jack Nicklaus in golf even if they did vote Julius Boros the golfer of the year.

Show me somebody better than Charles (Sonny) Liston when you lace on the gloves and send two men intothemiddle of the ring and you've got the all-time heavyweight champion of the world. So you're a track buff, and you think that John Penneli cleared 17 feet and should get the bows.

Mickey Wright Starred

If you want to make a real case, take a look at a pretty young lady named Mickey Wright. She was the Babe Ruth, the Jack Dempsey and the Bobby Jones of ladies golf and belts the ball farther than most men in racking up more victories than anybody ever did in one year, like 14 on the pro tour and don't think this is peanuts.

Parnelli Jones won the Indianapolis 500 mile auto race at a faster average than anybody in history and this is a test which separate the men from the supermen. Willie Shoemaker has to be the best in the matter of booting them home, and no matter what your muscular preference, there has to be a head man in the department.

But show me, over the long haul, who did better than "Koo."

One year ago at this time he didn't know whether he ever would be a major league pitcher again. He had developed serious trouble with a finger on his left hand and lost about half the season. While he was gone, the favored Dodgers blew the pennant.

But it could have been worse.

"They thought, at one time, that they might have to amputate the finger," he said. "There was a blood clot and maybe I'd never have been able to regain the use of the hand as far as pitching was concerned."

Came Back Big

So he came back. All the way back.

All he did was:

Lead the National League for the second year in a row in earned run average with a sensational 1.98, break his own record for strikeouts with 306. Set a major league record for shutouts by a lefthander with 11.

Share with Juan Marichal of the Giants for most victories, with 25 which was the most wins by a lefthander since "King Carl" Hubbell in 1936.

Set a World Series strikeout record of 15 in winning the opening game of the classic from the Yankees.

And win the fourth and final game for the Dodgers for a sweep which never had been accomplished against the perennial and erstwhile world champions.

He has to be the best. And the peculiar bit is that next year he may even come up better.

Mason Sharp, But Club Loses

The Cayuga Rifle Club was defeated by a score of 1433 -1408 in a recently fired Syracuse Rifle League Match against the G.E. Electronics of Syracuse. The match was fired at the Brown Memorial Range in Syracuse.

Jay Mason was high man for the Cayuga team with an amazing 295 score while Noroski fired 294 for the Electronics.

Cayuga	P.	S	K	St	Tot.
Ide	100	48	47	93	288
Smith	98	42	27	83	250
Czolowski	93	30	40	80	223
N. Mason	100	50	47	87	284
J. Mason	100	49	50	96	295
Ryan	100	45	47	85	277

Electronics	P	S	K	St	Tot.
Norpaki	100	50	49	95	294
Ellis	99	50	48	93	290
Berger	100	50	44	86	290
Connor	99	50	47	89	285
Andrews	98	43	42	64	252
Kowalski	100	46	44	94	284

Hockey Results

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No games Monday or today

Wednesday's Games

Montreal at Chicago

Toronto at Boston

New York at Detroit